

Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
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OMB No 1545-0047

2016Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization ENDING SPENDING, INC.		D Employer identification number 27-2189012
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 813-254-3369
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 11,125,000.
	817 SLATERS LANE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
F Name and address of principal officer: BRIAN BAKER SAME AS C ABOVE			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ HTTP://ENDINGSPENDING.COM/			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation: 2010 M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ENDING SPENDING PROMOTES PUBLIC POLICIES AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	2	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	2	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	3	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	40	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	3,000,000.	11,125,000.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0.	0.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	54,956.	0.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,054,956.	11,125,000.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	705,000.	2,568,501.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	583,299.	648,213.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 95,000.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,337,749.	4,333,999.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,626,048.	7,550,713.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<571,092.>	3,574,287.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	2,349,524.	5,923,811.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0.	0.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,349,524.	5,923,811.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	NANCY H. WATKINS, TREASURER Type or print name and title	11/12/2017			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	ROBERT I. WATKINS, CPA	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/12/17	<input type="checkbox"/>	P01387074
	Firm's name ▶ ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A.	Firm's EIN ▶ 59-2645714			
	Firm's address ▶ 610 S. BOULEVARD TAMPA, FL 33606	Phone no. 813-254-3369			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

☒ X

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**ENDING SPENDING PROMOTES PUBLIC POLICIES, INCREASES GOVERNMENT
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PROMOTES FISCAL DISCIPLINE.**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 6,314,788. including grants of \$ 2,568,501.) (Revenue \$ _____)
**ENDING SPENDING'S ACTIVITIES IN 2016 FOCUSED ON CONTINUING ITS PROGRAM
 OF RESEARCHING THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF OUT-OF-CONTROL SPENDING AT THE
 STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS, AND EDUCATING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON THE
 DANGERS OF DEFICIT SPENDING AND THE ACCUMULATION OF DEBT. ENDING
 SPENDING PROMOTED FISCAL DISCIPLINE, ADVOCATED FOR AN END TO WASTEFUL
 AND EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT SPENDING GENERALLY, AND SPONSORED ACTIVITIES
 PROMOTING GRASS ROOTS LOBBYING ON THE SAME SUBJECTS. ENDING SPENDING
 ALSO FOCUSED ITS ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON KEEPING IN PLACE THE MORATORIUM ON
 CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, AS WELL AS PROMOTING APPROPRIATE AND ETHICAL
 BEHAVIOR AMONG ELECTED OFFICIALS. VARIOUS TACTICS INCLUDED PROVIDING AN
 ACTIVE WEBSITE WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, RESEARCH AND REPORTS FROM
 OTHER NON-PARTISAN AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND INFORMATION**

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses **6,314,788.**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

- 20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*
- b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?
- 21** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*
- 22** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*
- 23** Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*
- 24a** Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*
- b** Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
- c** Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
- d** Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?
- 25a** **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*
- b** Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*
- 26** Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*
- 27** Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*
- 28** Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):
- a** A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*
- b** A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*
- c** An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*
- 29** Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*
- 30** Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*
- 31** Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations?
If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I
- 32** Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*
- 33** Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*
- 34** Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*
- 35a** Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
- b** If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*
- 36** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*
- 37** Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*
- 38** Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?
- Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

	Yes	No
20a		X
20b		
21	X	
22		X
23	X	
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		X
25b		X
26		X
27		X
28a		X
28b		X
28c		X
29		X
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34	X	
35a		X
35b		
36		
37		X
38	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 24		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 3		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	X	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	2	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	2		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		2	X	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		3		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		5		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?		6		X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		7a		X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		7b		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?		8a	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		9		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		X
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: **NONE**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **ROBERT WATKINS & COMPANY, P.A. - 813-254-3369**
610 S. BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FL 33606

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees, and former such persons

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

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Part VII

1b Sub-total	▶	695,790.	0.	31,814.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▶	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▶	695,790.	0.	31,814.

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Section B. Independent Contractors

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
SNIL LOC COMMUNICATIONS LLC 911 7TH STREET N.E., WASHINGTON, DC 20002	MANAGEMENT CONSULTING	234,269.
THE HERALD GROUP, LLC, 1800 M STREET, N.W., SUITE 450 SOUTH, WASHINGTON, DC	DIRECT MAIL/TELEMARKETING	207,174.
RED NOVEMBER, LLC (KYLE DAVID RUCKERT) 1557 BLAME DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LA 70808	STRATEGIC CONSULTING	155,111.
KRISTIN JACKSON 644 5TH STREET, N.E., WASHINGTON, DC 20002	STRATEGIC CONSULTING	146,000.
FPI DIGITAL, LLC P.O. BOX 16504, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302	MEDIA CONSULTING	113,400.

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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 11,125,000.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		11,125,000.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a _____		Business Code		
b _____						
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue		3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a _____						
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		11,125,000.	0.	0.	0.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	2,568,501.	2,568,501.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	555,203.		555,203.	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	44,976.		44,976.	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	18,041.		18,041.	
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	29,993.		29,993.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	122,418.	122,418.		
c Accounting	29,456.		29,456.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	682,611.	441,611.	146,000.	95,000.
12 Advertising and promotion	105,068.	104,868.	200.	
13 Office expenses	8,613.		8,613.	
14 Information technology	23,169.	23,169.		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	6,325.		6,325.	
17 Travel	79,314.		79,314.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	29,254.	2,000.	27,254.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	164,473.		164,473.	
23 Insurance	21,692.		21,692.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MEDIA EXPENSE, PRODUCTI	1,790,740.	1,790,740.		
b DIRECT MAIL/TELEMARKETI	679,191.	679,191.		
c MEMBERSHIP FEES-LOGISTI	275,000.	275,000.		
d POLLING	150,825.	150,825.		
e All other expenses	165,850.	156,465.	9,385.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	7,550,713.	6,314,788.	1,140,925.	95,000.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1,241,828.	1	4,880,589.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	1,107,696.	14	1,043,222.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,349,524.	16	5,923,811.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	0.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	30	0.
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	2,349,524.	32	5,923,811.
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,349,524.	33	5,923,811.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,349,524.	34	5,923,811.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	11,125,000.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,550,713.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,574,287.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,349,524.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	5,923,811.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.

☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:

☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b		X
2c		
3a		X
3b		

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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

ENDING SPENDING, INC.

Employer identification number

27-2189012

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities

▶ \$ **3,204,037.**
0.

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
- 4a Was a correction made?
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

▶ \$
▶ \$
☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Yes ☐ No

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

▶ \$ **3,204,037.**
▶ \$ 0.
▶ \$ **3,204,037.**
☐ Yes ☒ No

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)			
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)			
d Other exempt purpose expenditures			
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)			
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns			
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)			
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-			
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-			
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			

☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

PART I-A, LINE 1:

WHILE ENDING SPENDING'S PRIMARY PURPOSE IN 2016 CONTINUED TO BE ON ITS
 NON-PARTISAN EDUCATIONAL AND ADVOCACY WORK FOCUSED ON THE DANGERS OF
 THE NATION'S DEBT, ENDING SPENDING UNDERTOOK LIMITED INDIRECT AND
 DIRECT POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN 2016, INCLUDING: (1) MAKING IN-KIND
 DONATIONS OF PERSONNEL, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND VOTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

TO A FEDERAL EXPENDITURE-ONLY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE; (2)
SPONSORING VOTER EDUCATIONAL MESSAGES OF BOTH A POLICY AND POLITICAL
NATURE (3) SPONSORING INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF, OR
OPPOSITION TO, FEDERAL CANDIDATES.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☐ Mail solicitations
b ☐ Internet and email solicitations
c ☒ Phone solicitations
d ☒ In-person solicitations
e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
g ☐ Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entry in connection with professional fundraising services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
LIGHT STONE THREE, LLC - 362 EDWARD AVE, WOODMERE, NY	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING		X	0.	50,000.	0.
THE LS GROUP, INC. - 7406 PARK TERRACE DRIVE,	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING		X	0.	15,000.	0.
COURTNEY GUASTELLA - 6048 MARSHALL FOCH ST, NEW	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING		X	0.	10,000.	0.
LOVAS CO, LLC - 6635 W. HAPPY VALLEY ROAD STE A104 BOX#198,	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING		X	0.	12,500.	0.
REVIRESCO CONSULTING - 213 LINDEN STREET, WINNETKA, IL	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING		X	0.	7,500.	0.
Total					95,000.	

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? _____

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? _____

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?
- ☐
- Yes
- ☐
- No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

- 16 Gaming manager information:

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

- 17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: LIGHT STONE THREE, LLC(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 362 EDWARD AVE, WOODMERE, NY 11598(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: THE LS GROUP, INC.(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 7406 PARK TERRACE DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22307(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: COURTNEY GUASTELLA

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 6048 MARSHALL FOCH ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70124

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: LOVAS CO, LLC

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

6635 W. HAPPY VALLEY ROAD STE A104 BOX#198, GLENDALE, AZ 85310

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: REVIRESCO CONSULTING

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 213 LINDEN STREET, WINNETKA, IL 60093

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
REPUBLICAN ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSOCIATION - 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW, SUITE 800 - WASHINGTON, DC 20006	46-4501717	527	25,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
45COMMITTEE INC P.O. BOX 710993 HENDON, VA 20171	47-3803487	501(C)(4)	7,986.	0.	BOOK	TRAVEL EXPENSES	GENERAL SUPPORT
REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW, SUITE 250 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	11-3655877	527	25,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS - 409 7TH STREET NW, SUITE 350 - WASHINGTON, DC 20004	46-0558330	501(C)(4)	450,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
HUDSON INSTITUTE 1201 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. SUITE WASHINGTON, DC 20004	13-1945157	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN FINANCE 48 WALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10005	13-3540880	501(C)(3)	40,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2016)

ENDING SPENDING, INC.

Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II.)							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
RIGHT WAY INITIATIVE, INC. 700 12TH STREET NW, SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	47-4910347	501(C)(4)	1,000,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1615 H STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20062	53-0045720	501(C)(6)	250,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN, INC - 1660 L ST. NW, SUITE 1000 - WASHINGTON, DC 20036	33-0627955	501(C)(4)	25,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
JUDICIAL CRISIS NETWORK 3220 N STREET NW, SUITE 268 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	20-2303252	501(C)(4)	100,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
TURNING POINT USA 217 1/2 ILLINOIS, ST LEMONT, IL 60439	80-0835023	501(C)(3)	100,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
JOB CREATORS NETWORK 15455 NORTH DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 6 ADDISON, TX 75001	45-4848799	501(C)(3)	25,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
AMERICA RISING SQUARED 1555 WILSON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 22209	46-4544632	501(C)(4)	200,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS COALITION 1390 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD, STE 515 MCLEAN, VA 22101	81-4239160	501(C)(4)	150,000.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT
ESAFUND, INC. 610 S. BOULEVARD TAMPA, FL 33606	27-3632647	527	0.	155,515.	BOOK	SALARIES	GENERAL SUPPORT

Schedule I (Form 990)

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9

X

X

X

X

X

X

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X

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X

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

SHOWING HOW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOTED ON VARIOUS SPENDING PROVISIONS.

ENDING SPENDING ALSO USED MASS MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS, SOUGHT EARNED

MEDIA, AND WORKED TO ORGANIZE THE GRASSROOTS TO ACHIEVE THE

ORGANIZATION'S GOALS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

J.JOE RICKETTS, CHAIRMAN AND TODD RICKETTS, CEO - FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

NO SUCH REVIEW WAS OR WILL BE CONDUCTED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS PERIODIC REVIEWS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND CAN

BRING IN OUTSIDE EXPERTS TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

COMPENSATION PAID TO OFFICERS/KEY EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE INDEPENDENT, NON-INTERESTED BOARD OF

DIRECTORS. THE COMPENSATION WAS DETERMINED USING COMPARABILITY DATA AND WAS

NEGOTIATED AT ARM'S LENGTH. THE AGREED UPON COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS WERE

THEN DOCUMENTED IN THE RESPECTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

[illegible]

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
ESAFUND, INC. - 27-3632647	FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	VIRGINIA	527		N/A		
610 S. BOULEVARD							X
TAMPA, FL 33606							

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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		1a X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		1b X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		1c X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		1d X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		1e X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		1f X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		1g X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		1h X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		1i X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		1j X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		1k X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		1l X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		1m X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		1n X
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		1o X
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		1p X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		1q X
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		1r X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		1s X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VII Supplemental Information.

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.